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Young Shion, desperately in love, has just begged Gensuke Jin to lend her his men as backup—so she can go back to Malaysia and save Shingo! Shunichiro, meanwhile, has ordered the Kuala Lumpur branch of KUSAKA to saturate the media with the news of his resignation and appointment of Shingo to take over from him as CEO. But nothing seems to catch the heels of a Shingo bent on eliminating Shimei Sai and getting back from him the controlling shares of KUSAKA—he's even drugged his ruthless comrades Angel and Pete. They wake up on a boat heading out of the harbor, angry that Shingo has left them out of his ride to almost certain death even as the unknowing inheritor of an empire rockets down the road, away from a burning carload of Sai's assassins.

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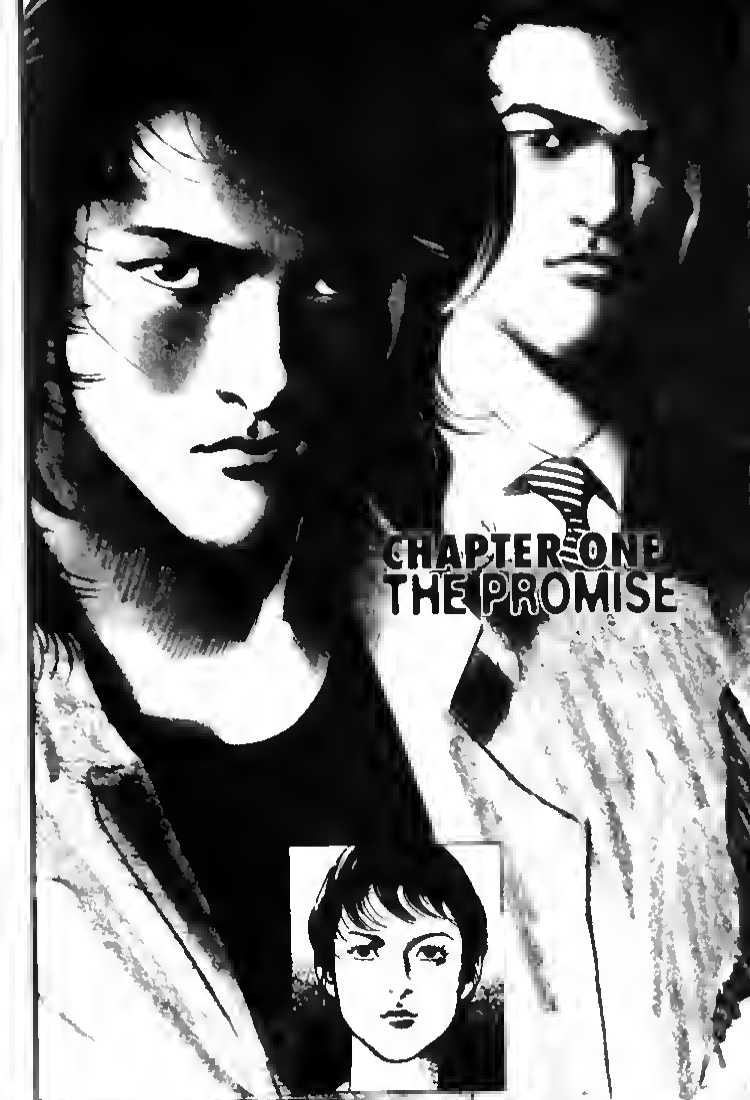
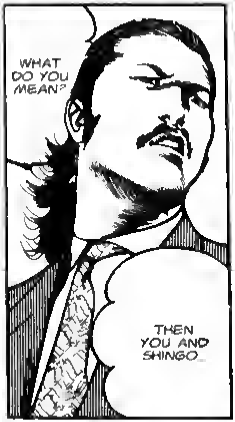

CHAPTER ONE
THE PROMISE

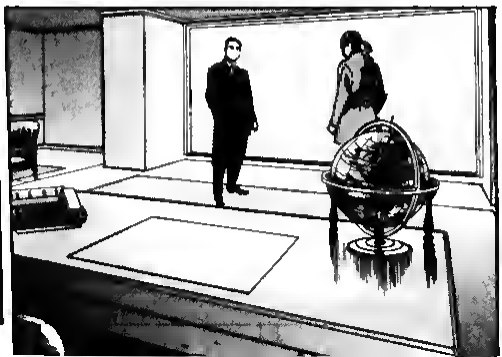
I WANT TO HELP SHINGO AND MY FATHER.
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU FIRST, THOUGH.
I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW NOW

Kusaka Main Office, Malaysia


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THEN YOU AND SHINGO

NOT ONLY DID WE HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS
WE HAD DIFFERENT FATHERS!



MY PARENTS DIED WHEN I WAS TWO YEARS OLD
My father started KUSAKA with Shingo's father during the chaos right after the end of the Second World War.
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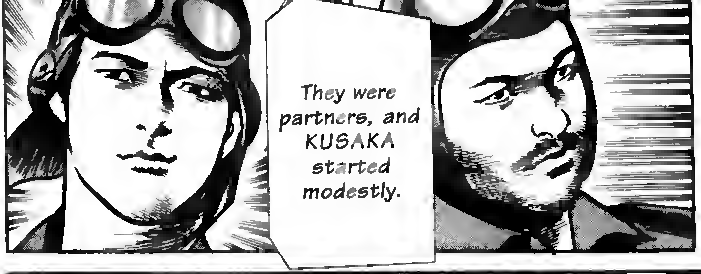
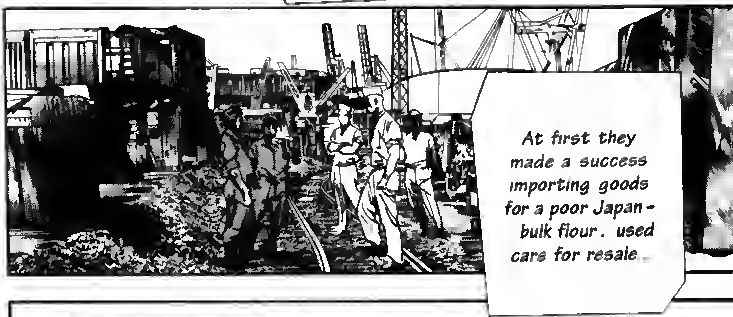
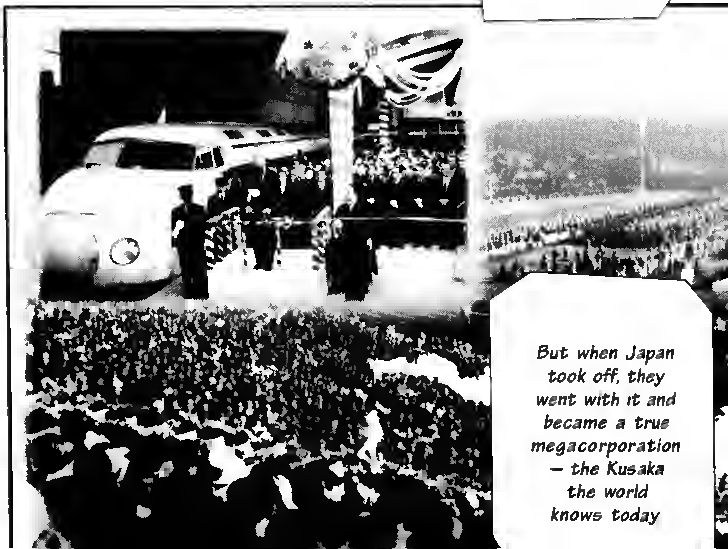

They were partners, and KUSAKA started modestly.


At first they made a success importing goods for a poor Japan – bulk flour. used cars for resale.


But when Japan took off, they went with it and became a true megacorporation – the Kusaka the world knows today

It was their dream to become oil producers My father went to the Middle East to scout out this plan...
My mother accompanied him

One month into the trip, their plane crashed in the desert.

THEY DIED

AND SHINGO'S PARENTS ADOPTED ME
I WAS TWO YEARS OLD

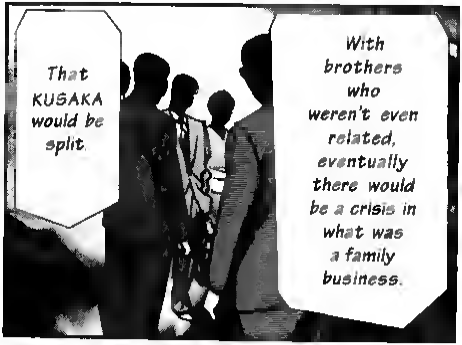
THEY'RE NOT REALLY RELATED!?
ZHOOP

THAT'S MY DAUGHTER. THE ONE WHO TOOK CARE OF SHUNICHIRO.
SH-SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE MY MOM...
WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG.
WHAT?
OF COURSE YOU ALSO LOOK JUST LIKE MY DAUGHTER WHEN SHE WAS YOUR AGE.

I KNOW WHY SHUNICHIRO FELL IN LOVE WITH YOUR MOTHER.
BECAUSE THE WOMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR SHUNICHIRO KUSAKA WAS SHINGO'S MOTHER!

WHEN I WAS TEN SHINGO WAS BORN
IT WAS A MIRACLE IT SEEMED SHE WAS ALWAYS TOO ILL TO HAVE A CHILD YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW OVERJOYED HIS FATHER YOSUKE WAS.

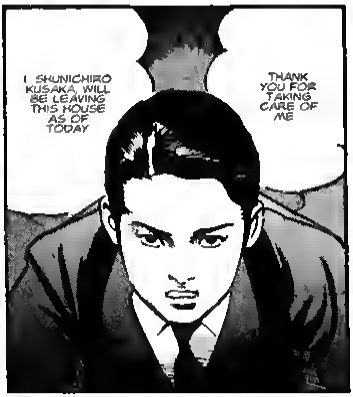
That was when I started hearing strange rumors...


That KUSAKA would be split.
With brothers who weren't even related, eventually there would be a crisis in what was a family business.

I was disturbed by what I was hearing.

AND THEN?

I DREW MY OWN CONCLUSIONS.


I, SHUNICHIRO KUSAKA, WILL BE LEAVING THIS HOUSE AS OF TODAY
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ME

SHUNI CHIRO..

TJG

AP
MOM.
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO LEAVE, SHUNICHIRO!
MOM.
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE, OR WHAT THEY TURN OUT TO BE — YOU ARE THE SOLE HEIR TO KUSAKA!!
YOU ARE THE OLDEST SON OF THE KUSAKA FAMILY!

LISTEN TO ME...
SHOULD YOU EVER FIND KUSAKA ON THE VERGE OF SPLITTING APART, THEN YOU HAVE TO TAKE OVER!

EVEN IF IT MEANS MAKING AN ENEMY OUT OF YOUR BROTHER!

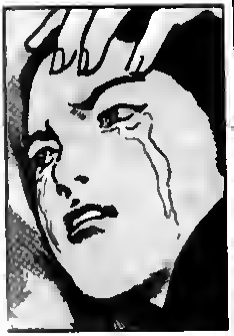
WAAH
WAAH

SHUNICHIRO!

IT WON'T BE EASY BUT IT'S YOUR DESTINY
YOU MIGHT NOT SHARE MY BLOOD BUT YOU'RE STILL MY CHILD AND THE SUCCESSOR OF KUSAKA

M
MOTHER

PROMISE
ME
PLEASE
THAT
YOU'LL
SACRIFICE
EVERYTHING
FOR
KUSAKA



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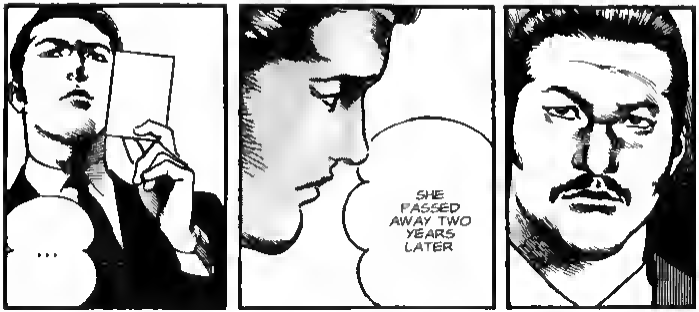
SHHFF


...
SHE PASSED AWAY TWO YEARS LATER

THE PROMISE HE MADE WITH HER
DETERMINED THE COURSE OF SHUNICHIRO'S LIFE...

DOES SHINGO KNOW THIS?
MY DAUGHTER NEVER TOLD HIM
TURNED OUT I WAS NOTHING AGAINST MY STEP MOTHER'S STRAIN THOUGH.
SHINGO SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE SUCCESSOR OF KUSAKA.

I MADE MY BED. NOW IT'S TIME TO LIE IN IT!
SHUNICHIRO... YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON DYING, ARE YOU?
SIR!
SOME MEMBERS OF THE SAI FAMILY WERE ATTACKED AT A HIGHWAY SERVICE STATION IN MALACCA
SHINGO!?

N-NO, YOU SHOULDN'T BE MOVING!
FWOOSH
M-MY FACE
FSS
SHH

S-SO THIS IS "SWEETIE ANDRE"?
H-HA HA HA
HEE HEE HEE
AARGH

MAYO? IS THIS MAYO?
DO I HEAR A THREAT?
YOU'LL GET NEITHER. HEH HEH HEH!
WHICH DO YOU PREFER, YOUR STOCK OR YOUR LIFE?

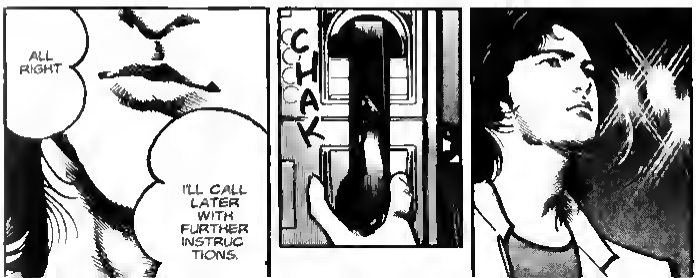
YOU'RE A FOOL, BOY
THIS COUNTRY BELONGS TO ME THE COPS WON'T EVEN LIFT A FINGER WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!
shlip shlip
YOU'LL BE GROUND TO POWDER BEFORE YOU EVEN GET NEAR ME
FMP
W-WHO IS IT?
YOUR COUSIN, SWEETIE ANDRE.
A-ANDRE?
shlup
FWIP

IS THIS MAYO? IT'S ANDRE YOU DIDN'T GET ME!
ANDRE
NAME A PLACE AND I'LL BRING SHIMEI... THE SHARES... WHATEVER... AS LONG AS YOU'RE THERE!

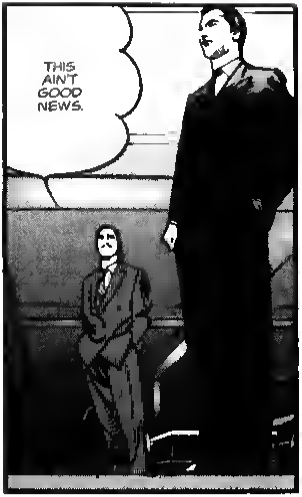
WHAT THE—
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU—
F-WISH
SHUT THE FUCK UP!! I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT YOUR LIFE OR YOUR FUCKING SHARES!!

THE ONLY THING I CARE ABOUT IS SHINGO-DEAD!
A PIG-FACED BASTARD LIKE YOU COULD NEVER UNDER-STAND!

SO WHAT'S IT GONNA BE!?
ARE YOU UP FOR A FIGHT!?


ALL RIGHT
I'LL CALL LATER WITH FURTHER INSTRUC TIONS.
CHAK

THIS'LL ALL BE OVER SOON, SHUNICHIRO...


THIS AIN'T GOOD NEWS.

HE MUST HAVE SEEN THE PAPERS.
..WHY IS HE DOING THIS!?

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IN THE BACK STREETS OF MALAYSIA, BLOOD RUNS THICK, BUT NOT THICKER THAN WATER...

Against the backdrop of a Southeast Asian oil deal that may change the balance of world power, Shunichiro seemed determined to maintain control over his family mega-corporation, KUSAKA, by eradicating any rivals from his own "stirain"—his half-brother Shingo and his own daughter, Shion. Yakuza Murota and crooked cop Angel defected to the side of the hunted. Murota spirited Shion to the Japanese estate of Shingo's maternal grandfather, reclusive artist and power broker Gensuke Jin. When Murota begged Jin for help, the old man revealed that it was the apparently ruthless Shunichiro who saved Shingo when he had him at his mercy!

Shingo, who has also remained mysteriously loyal to his half-brother, made a failed attempt to take over the organization of Shunichiro's double-crossing partner, crime lord Shimei Sai, using Angel and his Amerasian friends for muscle. Fleeing, Shingo and crew were stalked by Sai's cross-dressing assassin, "Sweetie" Andre, while Shunichiro returning to Japan, announced he will turn over his job to Shingo, admitting to Murota his great secret—unlike Shingo he isn't a blood member of the Kusaka family! Back in Malaysia, Shingo goes for bed, sending Andre's car into a fiery wreck. But there are still scores to settle before he can make that jump from hitmen to CEO of KUSAKA...

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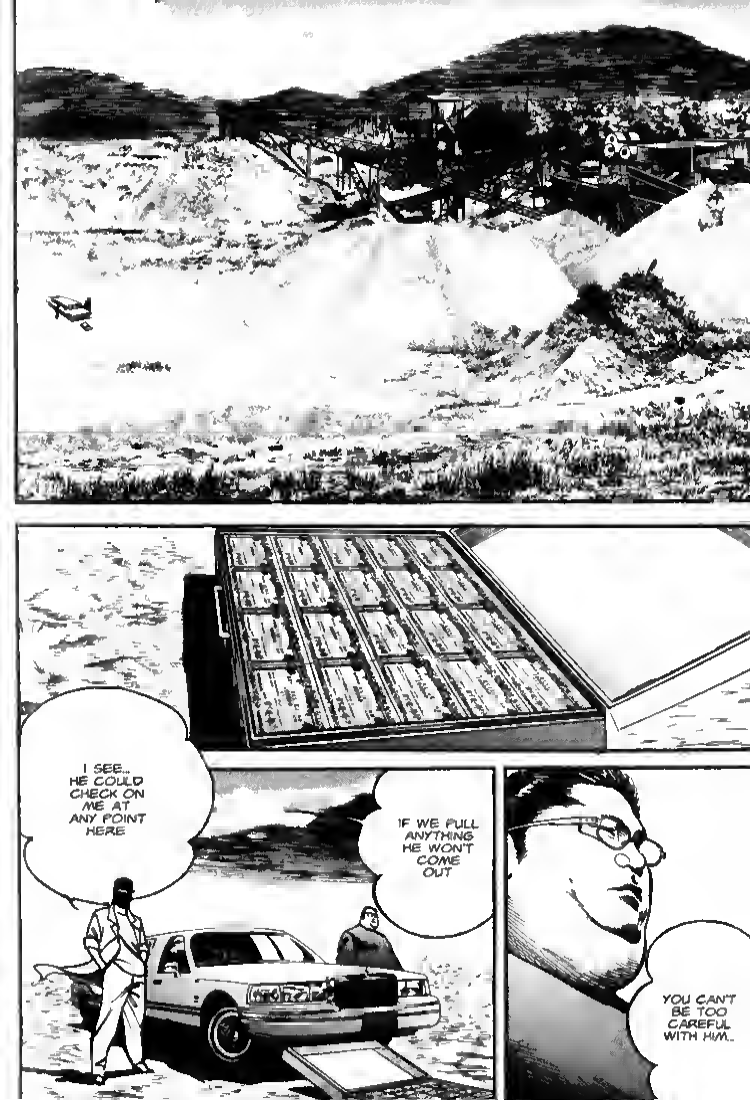

I SEE.. HE COULD CHECK ON ME AT ANY POINT HERE
IF WE PULL ANYTHING HE WON'T COME OUT
YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL WITH HIM..

MIND IF I SUGGEST SOME THING?
WHAT!?
YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU LOSE
NOT ONLY WILL I LOSE MY LIFE I'LL LOSE ALL THE STOCKS.
KRNCH
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT!
SHP
Fool
FWOO
You may be a member of the family but you could never be anything more than a hit-man

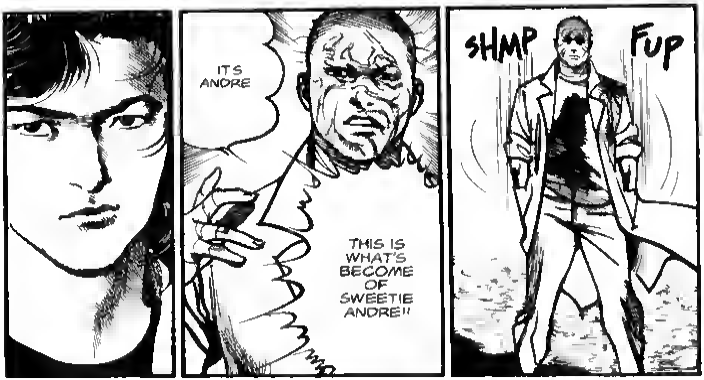
VRRRR
VRRMMM
HERE HE COMES!
HERE HE IS!!
NEE NEE NEE
THOK
C'MON!!
RMMRMM

YOU WANT TO CHECK THE SHARES?
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY IF THEY'RE FAKE, I'LL KILL SAI
YOU KNOW THAT
YOU'RE SMART
NOW THEN.. SHALL WE?

WHOOOOOO
BLAM
BLAM
MAYOOOO
!!!

SPWAK
KRNCH
FMP
NEE HEE HEH EH..
THERE'S NO POINT IN LIVING.. I DON'T MIND..

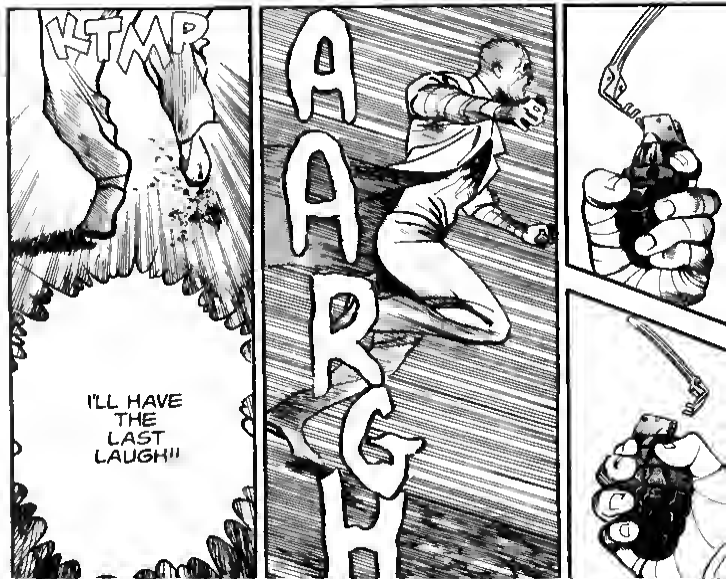
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, MAYO—!?


IT'S ANDRE
THIS IS WHAT'S BECOME OF SWEETIE ANDRE!!
SHMP
FUP

I WON'T EVER BE...
...PRETTY AGAIN...

FWIP
I CANT DRESS UP ANY MORE
WISK
NO ONES INTERESTED IN A MONSTER WEARING MAKEUP
IT'S ALL OVER
SAY BYE BYE TO SWEETIE ANDRE..
MAYO

I WON'T DIE, THOUGH...
...WITHOUT TAKING YOU WITH ME!!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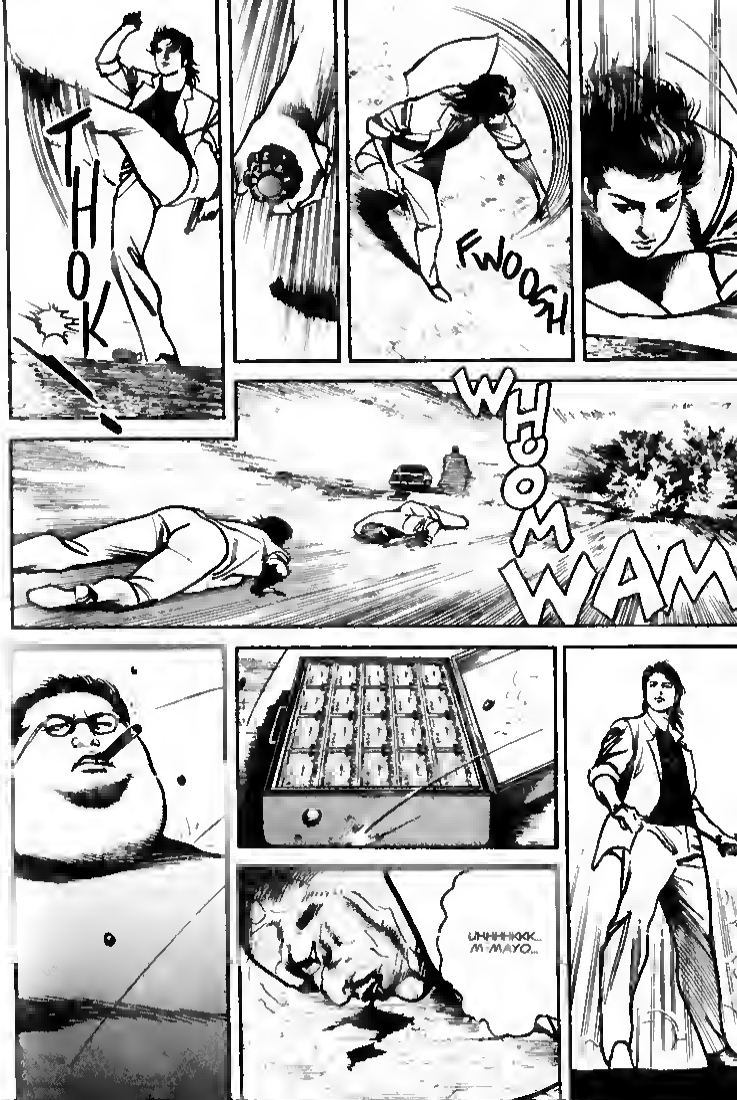
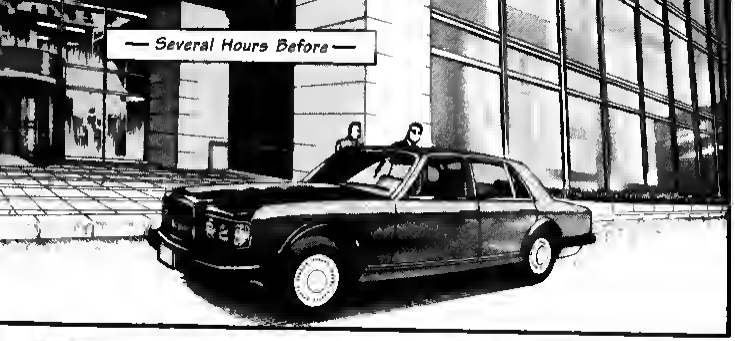
I'LL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH!!
AARGH

BLAM
BLAM
URGH!
FLUMP


THOK
FWOOSH
WHOOM
WAM
UHHHHKKK... M-MAYO...

KLATCH
SO YOU PLAN ON KILLING ME NOW?
IT'S IN OUR BEST INTEREST
I AGREE WITH YOU I'D DO THE SAME
BUT IF YOU DO YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR BROTHER AGAIN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?

WHHKYA
WHHKKA
WHHKKA
JUST IN TYME
SH SHUN! CHIRO
H HOW _!?


— Several Hours Before —

WUMP

WHERE TO?
THE POLICE COMMISSIONER ... WE'LL SEEK OFFICIAL PROTECTION FOR SHINGO

WE'LL GET FAST THE COP'S SHIMEI OWNS...

RRRRRM

WHAT...
KRNCH
FMP
FMP
FMP

WHHKA
WHHKKA
WHHKKA
WHHKKA
KNOWING YOUR OPPONENT'S WEAKNESS... IT'S ESSENTIAL TO THE ART OF WAR
TMP
TMP
LOOKS DON'T MATTER... COMPARED TO WHAT'S UP HERE
NOW... DO YOU STILL PLAN ON KILLING ME?
...
RR
MM

WHHKKA
WHHKA
WHHKKA
HMPH!
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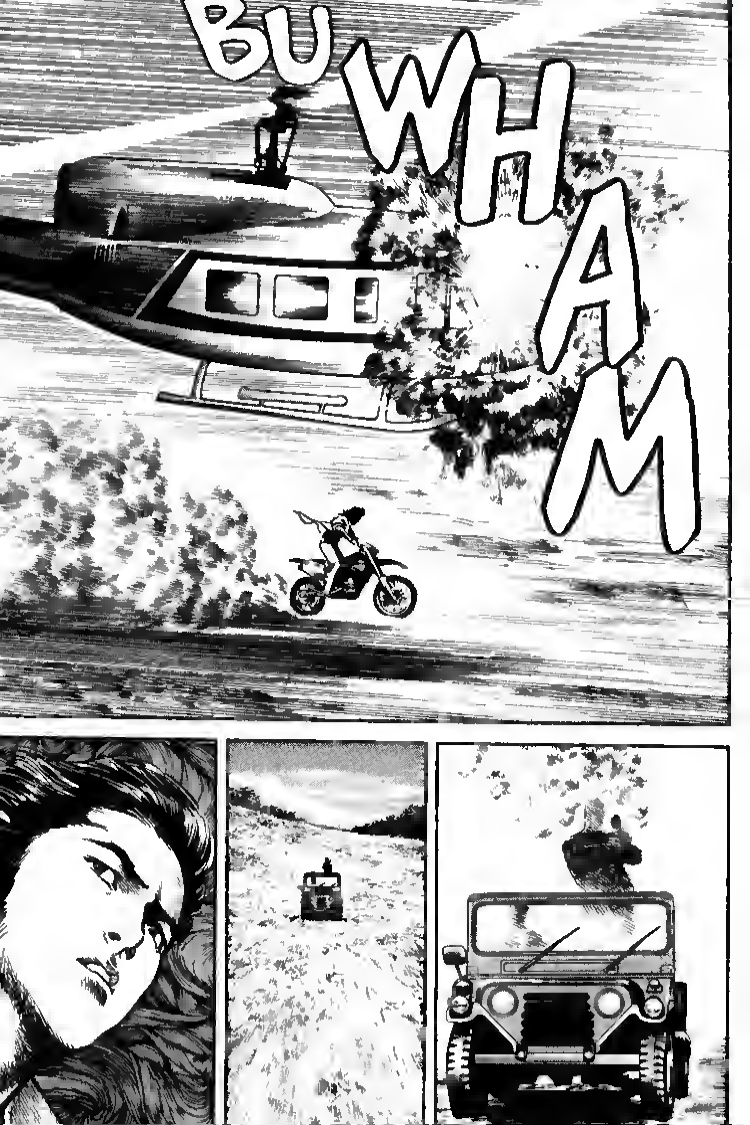
VWRRRM

WHHKKA
WHHKKAWHHKKA
WHHKKA
UNGH.


BU
WHAM

ANGEL...
VRRRMM

UHHK... NGH...
CHAK
BLAM
BLAM
YOU THINK I CHOSE THIS FACE OF MINE, ANDRE!?

FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
I STILL HAVE THE BAIT...
SOONER OR LATER HE'LL BE BACK FOR ANOTHER BITE

I'M GOING AS WELL TO MALAYSIA.

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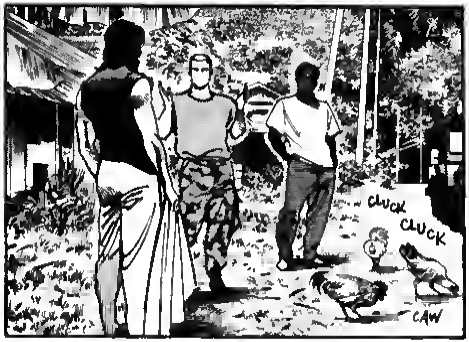
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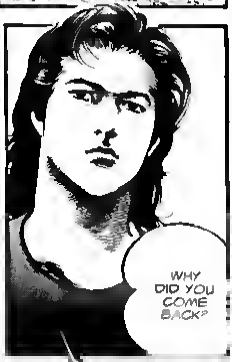
CAW


WHY DID YOU COME BACK?

GWEN WAS KILLED WITH HIS MA

THIS AIN'T ONLY YOUR FIGHT
YOU EXPECT US TO WALK AWAY NOW?
GWEN.
HEY IT'S ALL RIGHT
LIKE REI FA HE GOT TO SEE A LITTLE HOPE
GLNG
...THANKS TO YOU
VIP

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO HELP US OUT
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU GUYS...

UHHH... MM...

WHERE

UNGH

SO YOU'RE UP

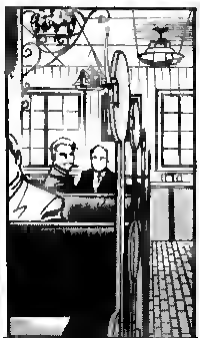
SHIMEI...

I'VE WANTED TO HAVE A CHAT WITH YOU FOR QUITE SOME TIME
MAYBE YOU'LL RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO RESIGN FROM KUSAKA.
OUT OF THE QUESTION!
YOU KNOW I STILL THINK VERY HIGHLY OF YOU
DO YOU RE MEMBER THIS?

WHEN WE WERE BOTH AT OXFORD ALL WE EVER TALKED ABOUT WAS THE FUTURE OF ASIA AND 'THE YELLOW RACE'

Asia has been nothing more than a colony of the West.
Asia exists to the West only for the sake of profit ...we wanted to resolve this racial conflict on our own terms

I'M SORRY, BUT OUR GUESTS OVER THERE...
...HAVE REQUESTED THAT YOU LEAVE

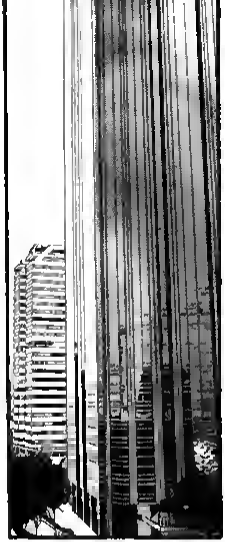


AND WHY DO YOU WANT US TO LEAVE?
WE DON'T LIKE YOUR KIND.
YOU PEOPLE SMELL RATHER BAD.
AHCH
KA
THOK
WHOOSH
KRAK

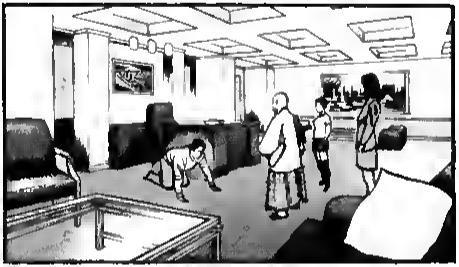
NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN
ASIAN CURRENCIES ARE CONTROLLED BY THE YANKEE DOLLAR
I STILL BELIEVE IN THOSE THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT...
THE MALAYSIAN OIL MERGER WAS OUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS ASIAN IN DEPENDENCE ...THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T OPPOSE IT
WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ME AS MY PARTNER?

MY BROTHER SHINGO IS KUSAKA!
KNNCH
FWIK
WHY?
WHY IS HE SO IMPORTANT TO YOU?
AFTER ALL, YOU TRIED TO KILL HIM!
IT'S BLOOD

HE'S THE TRUE INHERITOR OF THE "STRAIN"..
"STRAIN"?
AM I STRIKING A RAW NERVE, SHIMEI?



FORGIVE ME! I WASN'T ABLE TO PROTECT HIM.



WHERE'S MY FATHER THEN..?

SHIMEI SAI PROBABLY HAS HIM

WE MUST HURRY THEN

MR. MUROTA!
CHNK

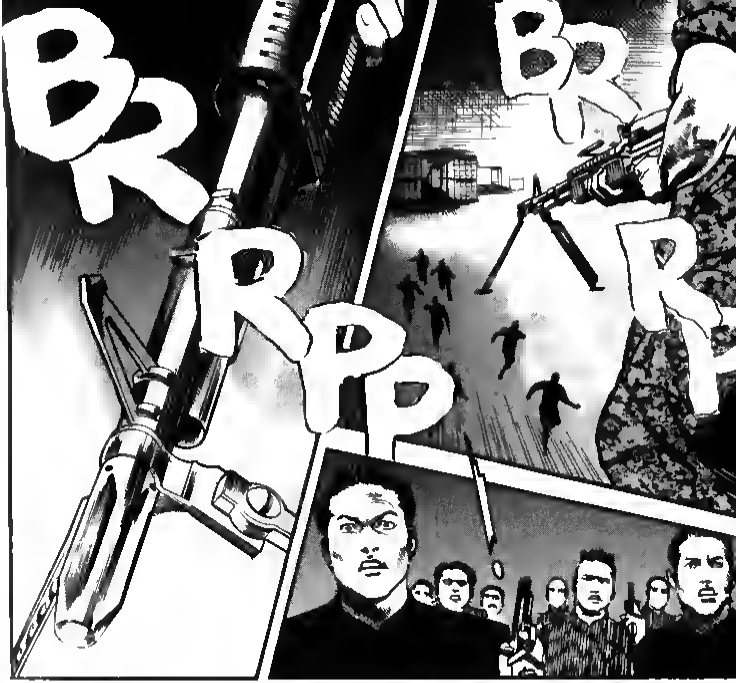
EVERY BUSINESS AFFILIATED WITH SHIMEI SAI'S BEING HIT! ONE AFTER THE OTHER!

WHAT IS?

VRRMM
BUH
WHAM
FW
UM

BAM
ASH!
KOFF!

BRATTA
BRATTA
BRATTA
BRATTA
BRATTA
BRATTA
WHSH
CHAK

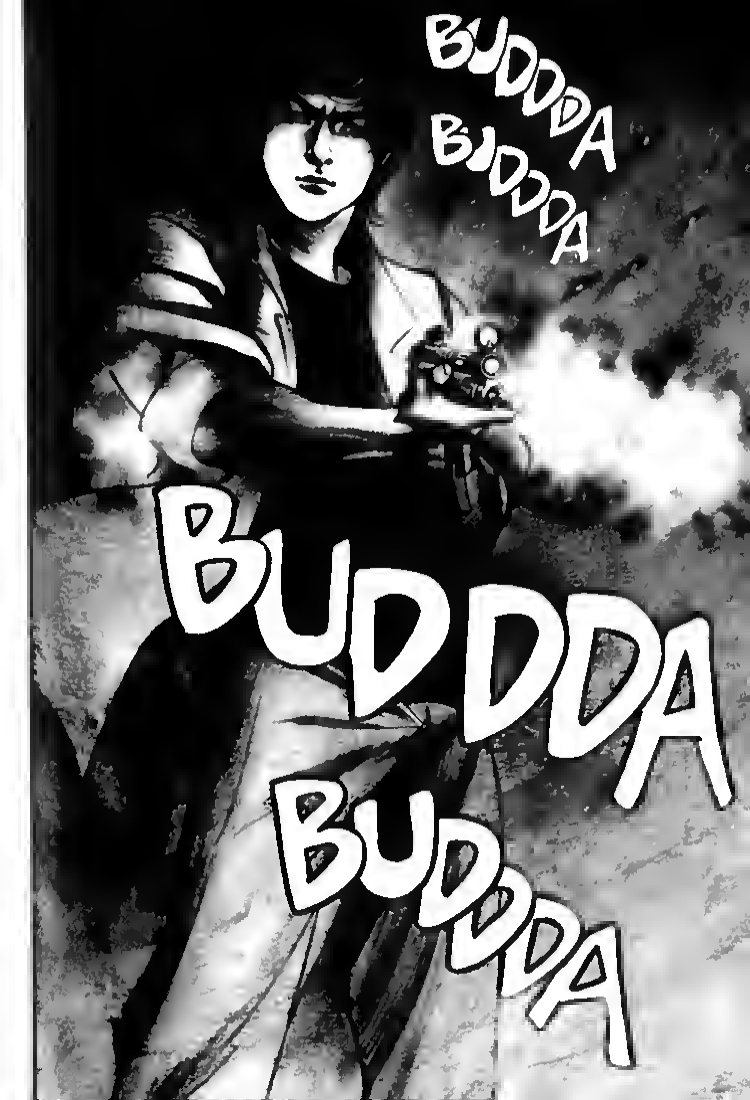

BR
RPP
BR
R

RR KR M
MRRMM

TCM
WHOOSH
WHAM

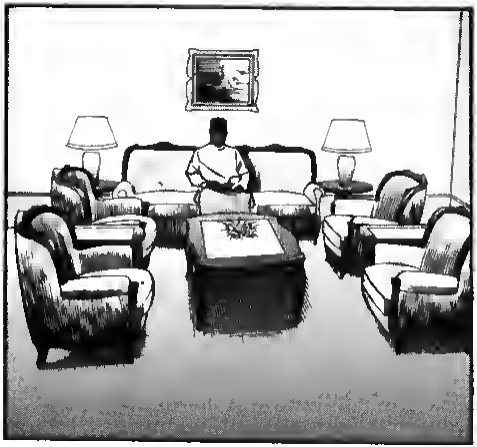
CALM DOWN! WHAT'S THE DAMAGE!?
HOW MANY HAVE BEEN ATTACKED!?
LOOKS LIKE THIS PIECE OF BAIT ISN'T WORKING
THEY'RE THE ONES DRAWING YOU OUT NOW
TCH!
KKK
YOU CAN'T CONTROL SHINGO.

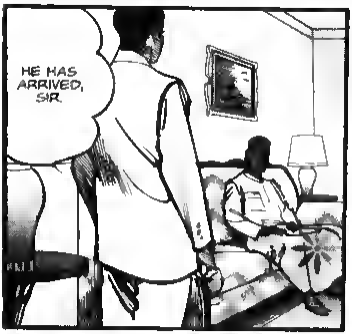
AS YOU SAID, SHIMEI... YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOUR OPPONENT'S WEAKNESS.
AND YOUR WEAKNESS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION
BECAUSE ONCE YOUR ORGANIZATION DISAPPEARS, YOU'RE JUST A FAT PIG
CHAKNNG

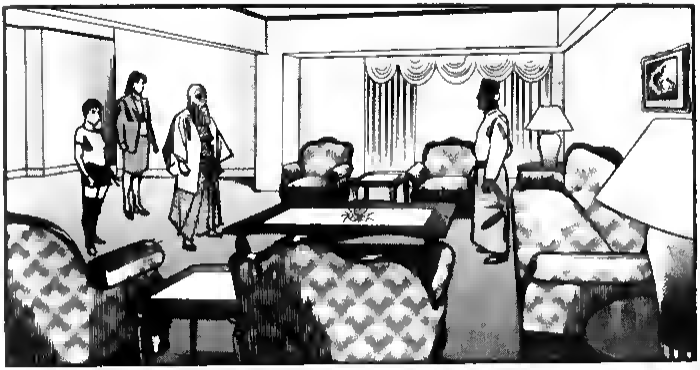

BUDDDA
BUDDDA
BUDDDA
BUDDDA

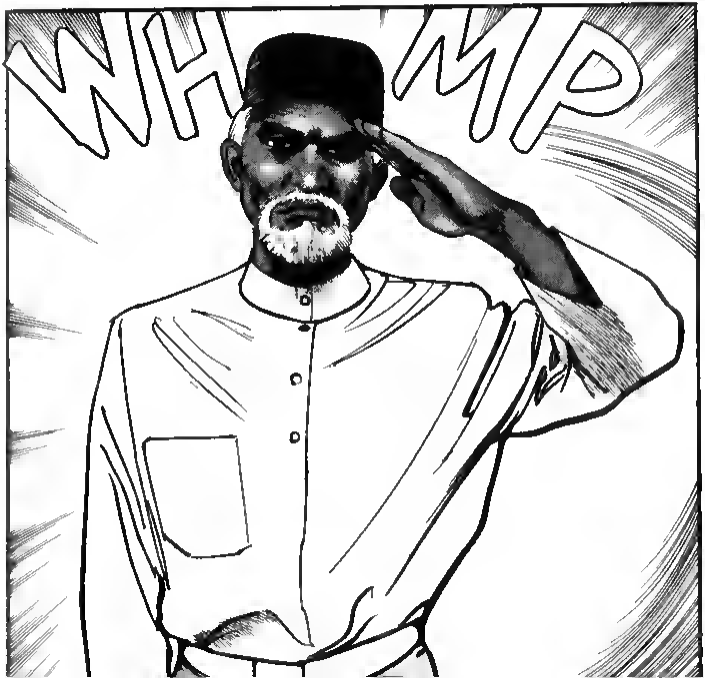
GLP
THIS IS THE POWER OF ONE'S STRAIN
THERE'LL COME A TIME WHEN YOU TOO WILL FALL FROM IT
BECAUSE SHIMEI SAI YOU TOO ARE NOT THE TRUE HEIR OF YOUR FAMILY!

HOW DID YOU KNOW!?




HE HAS ARRIVED, SIR.

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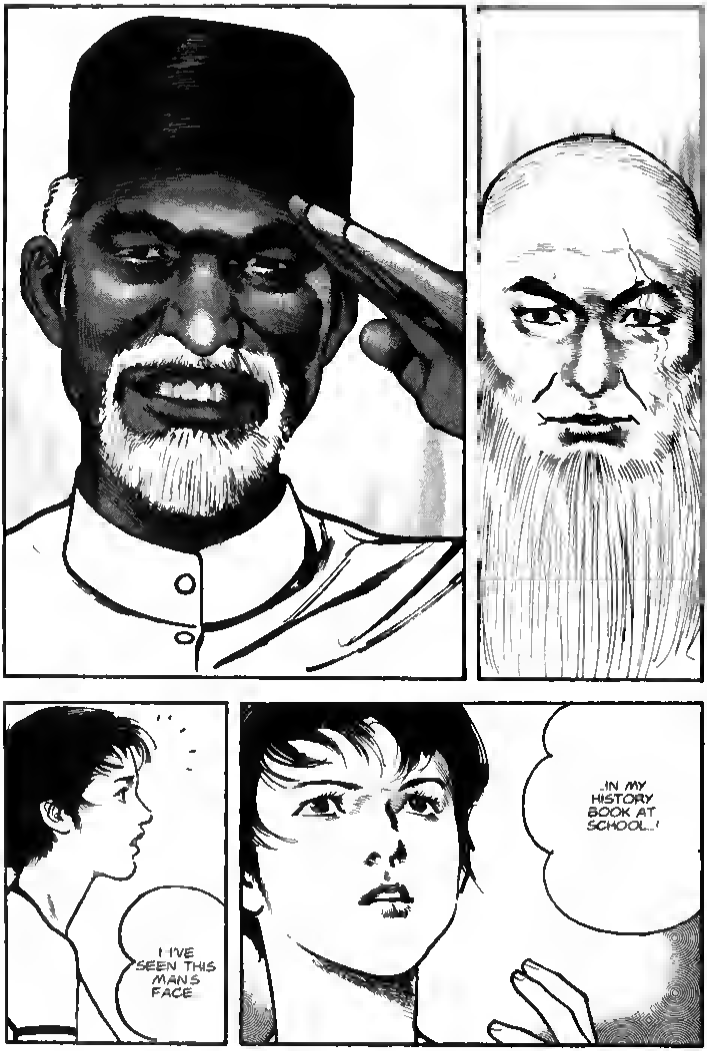
MP


I'VE SEEN THIS MAN'S FACE
..IN MY HISTORY BOOK AT SCHOOL..!

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CHAPTER FOUR
REVERSE WIND

YOUR NAME IS..
YOU'RE GENERAL MAHARAN THE FATHER OF MALAYSIA'S INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

THAT IS NOT QUITE ACCURATE, YOUNG LADY
WE WERE NOT SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MALAYSIA'S INDE-PENDENCE
WITHOUT JAPANESE PEOPLE LIKE MR. JIN, IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN LONGER FOR US TO ACHIEVE IT
WHAT !?
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO
MALAYSIA WAS OCCUPIED BY JAPAN DURING WORLD WAR II BUT JAPAN LOST
ENGLAND CAME IN ONCE AGAIN TO OCCUPY MALAYSIA, TO COLONIZE OUR COUNTRY JUST AS THEY HAD BEFORE THE WAR

There were Japanese soldiers who remained in Malaysia after the war to fight for Malaysia's independence.
THAT WAS WHAT GRAND-FATHER DID?
THEY TAUGHT US NOT ONLY HOW TO SHOOT AND FIGHT. THEIR EXAMPLE INSPIRED THE MALAYSIANS TO FIGHT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE.
THERE ARE JAPANESE WHO ARE TRULY FIGHTING FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND CO PROSPERITY OF ASIA.

SHUNICHIRO WHY YOU..
AS YOU SAID_ ONE MUST KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ONE'S OPPONENT, RIGHT?

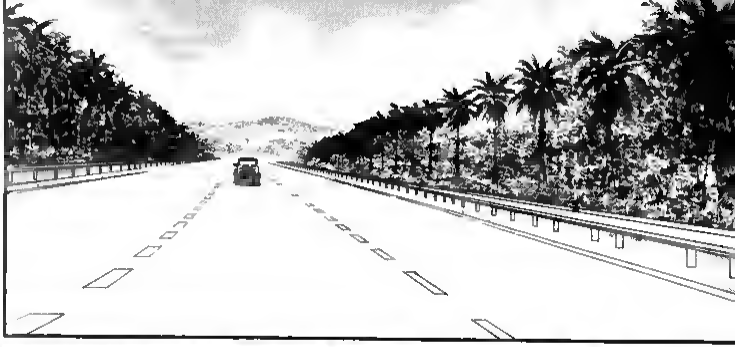
SHIMEI SAYS TRUE MOTHER WAS A PROSTITUTE.. SHE'S NOT REGISTERED AS PART OF THE SAI FAMILY!
AHHH..

KRASSH

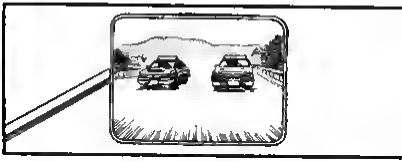
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER!?

YOU'RE THE LOSER HERE... NOT ME, SHUNICHIRO !!

BLOOD DOESN'T MATTER -IM DIFFERENT!!
WHAT MATTERS MOST IS POWER!! IN THE END, IT'S POWER!
KRAK
DON'T FORGET - I CONTROL THE POLICE HERE!
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU WATCH ME FINISH SHINGO OFF!!



RRMM
VROOM



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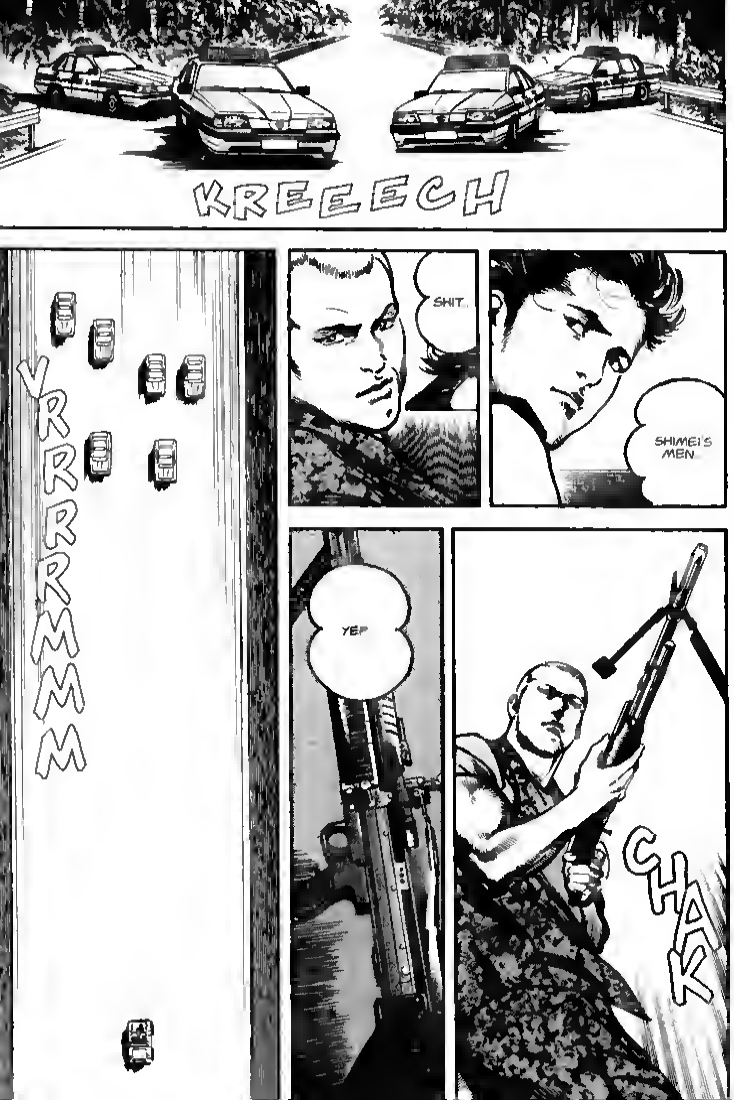

KREEECH
VRRRRRMMM
SHIT.
SHIMEI'S MEN...
YEP.
CHAK

I'M GETTING OFF! YOU GUYS GO AHEAD!
ANGEL..
DON'T WORRY I'LL BE ALL RIGHT
WHEN I DIE IT'LL BE IN YOUR ARMS!

ANGEL...

NOW THEN...
...HOW ABOUT ONE FINAL ROUND!?

BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
1988 YOU

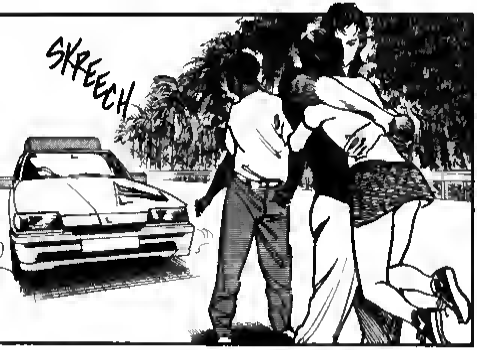
SKREECH
WHAM
SO...
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
WE TRY IT SAME AS ALWAYS...

RIGHT!
VROOM
SH-SHION...!?

POLIS
POLIS

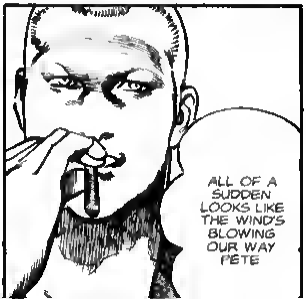
MAYO!

WHMP
GRAND FATHER JIN BROUGHT HIS MEN OVER...

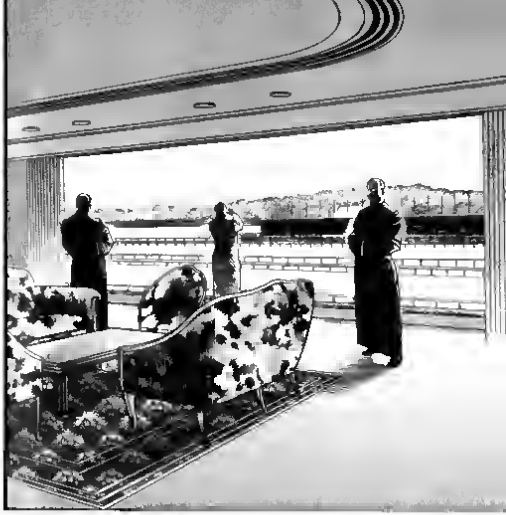

SKREECH

CHNK

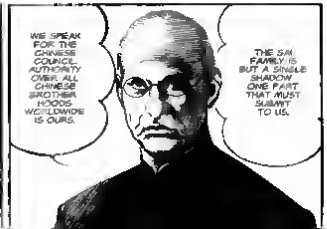
I GUESS THEY CAME HERE TO PROTECT US.


ALL OF A SUDDEN LOOKS LIKE THE WIND'S BLOWING OUR WAY PETE

CAPTAIN...
WE WILL NOW BE IN CHARGE OF SHUNICHIRO KUSAKA. IS THAT CLEAR?
B-BUT CAPTAIN! YOU'RE ONE OF MY
IF A HIGHER AUTHORITY INTERVENES THEN I OBEY ORDERS FROM THAT AUTHORITY
IT IS ONLY NATURAL
SIR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU
THE COUNCIL...



SHIMEI... YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF POSITION THE SAI FAMILY HAS BEEN PLACED IN NOW?


WE SPEAK FOR THE CHINESE COUNCIL. AUTHORITY OVER ALL CHINESE BROTHERHOODS WORLDWIDE IS OURS.
THE SAI FAMILY IS BUT A SINGLE SHADOW. ONE PART THAT MUST SUBMIT TO US.

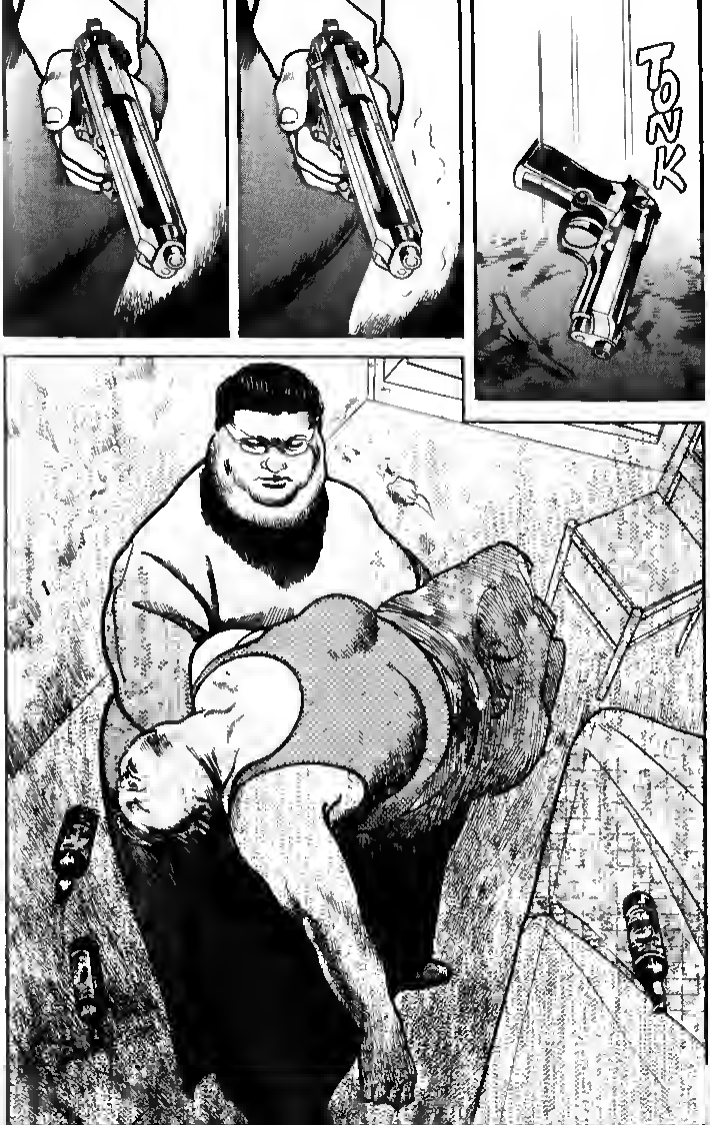
YES.

AS OF TODAY YOU ARE BANISHED FROM THE SAI FAMILY!!
GENERAL MAHARAN HAS DECIDED TO INTERPOSE HIMSELF IN YOUR AFFAIR.
WE CAN NO LONGER ALLOW THIS FIASCO TO CONTINUE...
M MAHARAN !?
YOU REALIZE HOW COMPLICATED THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THIS COUNTRY IS
WE MUST MAINTAIN A DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN THE MALAYSIANS AND CHINESE.
ANY FURTHER CONFLICT WILL ONLY AGGRAVATE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT.

SHIMEI
DO YOU BET UPON THOROUGH BREDS?
..THOROUGH BREDS?
With nothing but talent you managed to eliminate every legitimate successor to the family
But now matter how talented you are, Shimei, you do not possess the proper "strain"
PERHAPS WHAT ALWAYS DROVE YOU WAS YOUR INFERIORITY COMPLEX

BUT WHEN YOU STRIVE FOR NOTHING MORE THAN A HIGHER PLACE YOU EVENTUALLY LOSE SIGHT OF THOSE AROUND YOU.
YOUR MOTHER WAS A NAMELESS WHORE
YOU'RE A PACK HORSE WHO CAN NO LONGER EVEN PULL HIS OWN WEIGHT
KRNNCH
LEAVE NOW YOU WILL BE REPLACED BY ONE OF A TRUER BREED
AND PERHAPS YOU WILL LEARN TO SHED SOME OF THAT FLESH.

ARF
ARF
L LEAVE ME ALONE, BUH BITCH!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MOTHER

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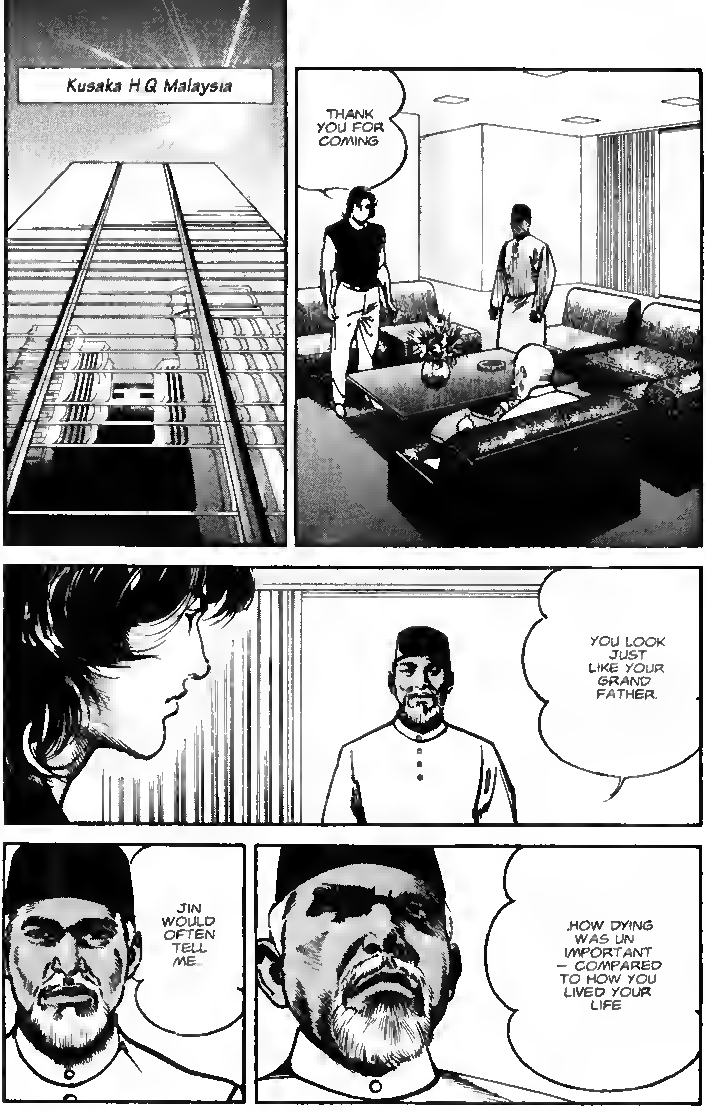
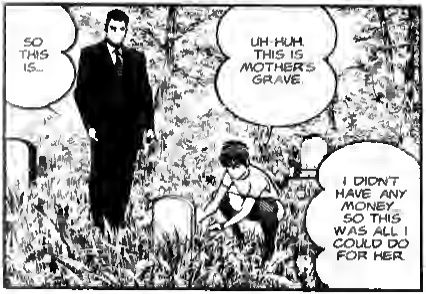
CHAPTER FIVE
EXPULSION


Kusaka H.Q. Malaysia
THANK YOU FOR COMING
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR GRAND FATHER.
JIN WOULD OFTEN TELL ME...
HOW DYING WAS UN IMPORTANT — COMPARED TO HOW YOU LIVED YOUR LIFE

I WAS TOLD MY MOTHER OFTEN SAID THE SAME THING
THE CHAIRMAN HAS RETURNED SAFELY
KREECH
POLICE
CHAK
FATHER!

SHUNI CHIRO
SHINGO
WE'LL TALK LATER
RIGHT NOW I NEED SHION TO TAKE ME SOME WHERE
WHAT?


SO THIS IS...
UH-HUH. THIS IS MOTHER'S GRAVE.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY SO THIS WAS ALL I COULD DO FOR HER.

YOU MET MY MOTHER IN JAPAN, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT

I FELL IN LOVE WITH HER WHEN SHE WAS STUDYING THERE
SHE FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME.

THEN WHY DID YOU END UP SEPARATING? WHY DID YOU SEND MOTHER AWAY?
BECAUSE SHE HAD YOU
WHAT!?
WE WERE DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES. WE CAME FROM TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WORLDS. SHE THOUGHT THAT HAVING YOU WOULD STIR UP TROUBLE FOR ME IN JAPAN.
THAT'S WHAT SHE TOLD ME BEFORE DISAPPEARING
THAT'S THE KIND OF WOMAN SHE WAS
...
W-WHY- THEN... DID YOU TRY TO KILL HER!? SHE LEFT ON HER OWN, AFTER ALL...

I TRIED TO KILL MY BROTHER FOR THE SAKE OF KUSAKA.
GRRP
I COULDN'T ALLOW ANY MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TO EXIST!
SHINGO WAS MY STEP MOTHER'S CHILD
I HAD TO FOR THE SAKE OF MY STEPMOTHER WHO RAISED ME!! IT WAS MY OBLIGATION!

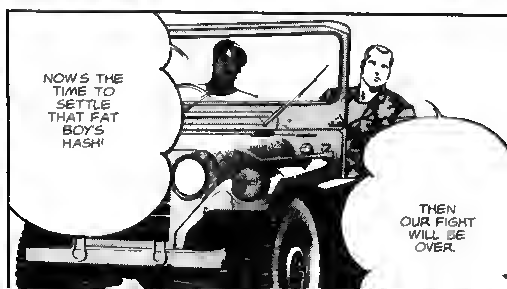
FA
FATHER...
YOU SHOULDN'T SUFFER ANY MORE FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR MOTHER...
YOU'RE LUCKY... YOU HAVE SHINGO

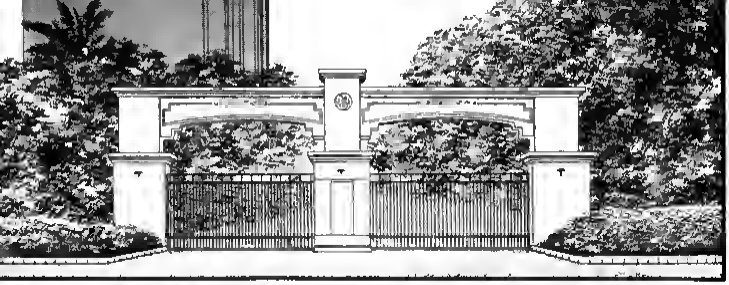
RAAAM

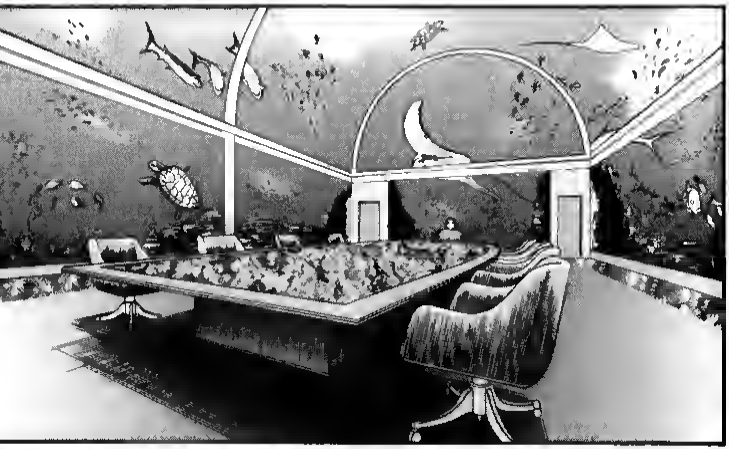
SHUNI CHIRO!
SHIME! SAI HAS BEEN EXPELLED!

GENERAL MAHARAN JUST GOT WORD! THE CHINESE COUNCIL EXPELLED HIM

SHIME!


NOW'S THE TIME TO SETTLE THAT FAT BOY'S HASH!
THEN OUR FIGHT WILL BE OVER.





VWEEEM

HOW MANY ARE LEFT?

NINE ALTOGE THER

NINE

THIS HOUSE WILL BE CON-FISCATED TOO.
SO ALL I HAVE IS NINE MEN

THWMP

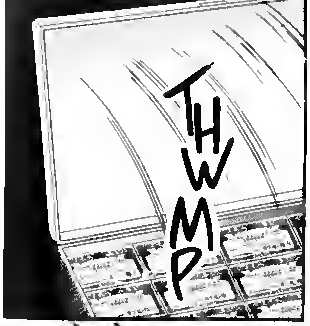
LET'S GO
NO USE CRYING
VWEEEN
CHK!
CHAK

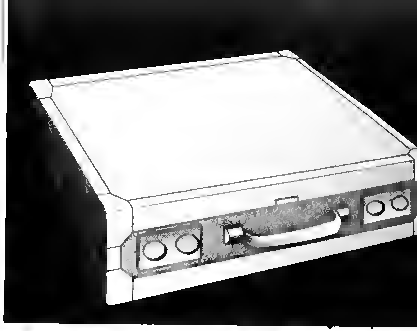
BRRRRP
BRRR
!!
G GET THE BOSS OUT OF HERE !

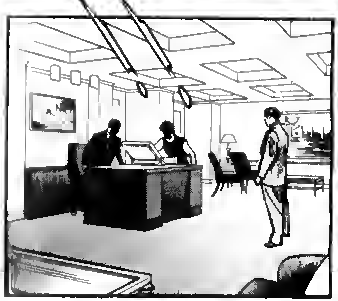
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF

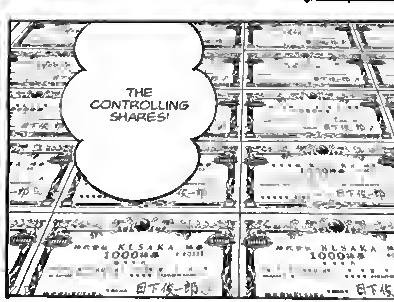
GET OUT OF MY WAY..
THE KING'S LOST HIS CROWN.. WHY'D YOU TAKE THOSE ROUNDS?
..HA HA.. YOU DON'T KNOW
YOU BASTARDS DON'T KNOW HIM..
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE THIS, BUT HE'S A KIND MAN..
HE TOOK ME OUT OF AN ORPHANAGE ..GAVE ME ..A NAME.. A LIFE..
I.. I OWE HIM THIS DEATH..
ARGH
GLUG

THMP
E EVEN..
THAT WOMAN REI FAH.
..HE LOVED HER TILL THE END...
FWHUD


THWMP!






THE CONTROLLING SHARES!

S-SO THIS WAS DELIVERED BY SHIMEI?
Y YES, SIR! IT WAS DELIVERED TO OUR FRONT DESK

THEY'RE REAL. THEY'RE THE KUSAKA STOCKS SHIMEI HAD

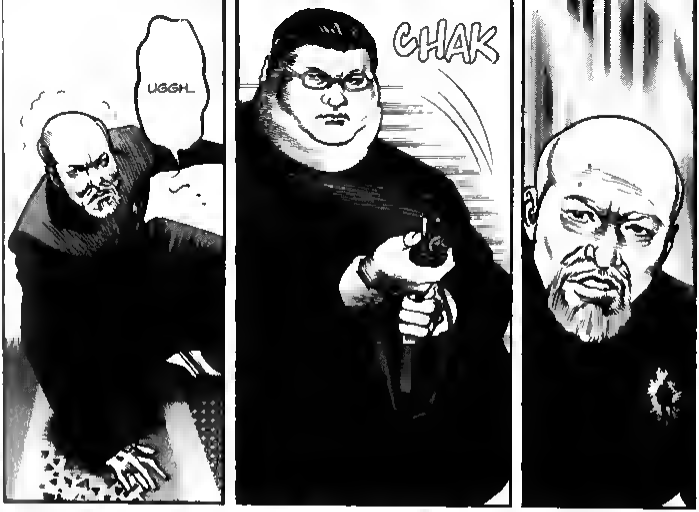
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND
SHIMEI SAI?

Singapore
THAT WAS A GOOD ONE "PACK HORSE"
PACK HORSES ARE OVER AMBITIOUS. THE CHAIRMAN PERCEIVED THAT
IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER

hee hee
hee hee
TMP TMP
DOES THIS LOOK LIKE ANYONE WE KNOW?
WHAM
SHI- SHIME!!

WHERE'S THE CHAIR MAN?
H HE'S IN LONDON
I SEE

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA


UGGH.
CHAK

A MESSAGE FOR THE CHAIRMAN!
BLAM
YOU WORTHLESS FOOLS NEEDED YOUR PARENTS TO GET WHERE YOU ARE!

PACK HORSES GO THE DISTANCE!

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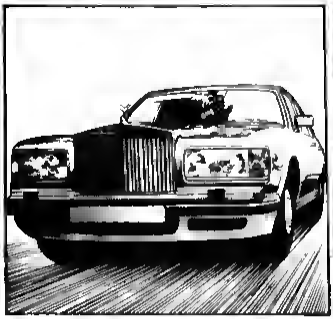
CHAPTER SIX
WILL

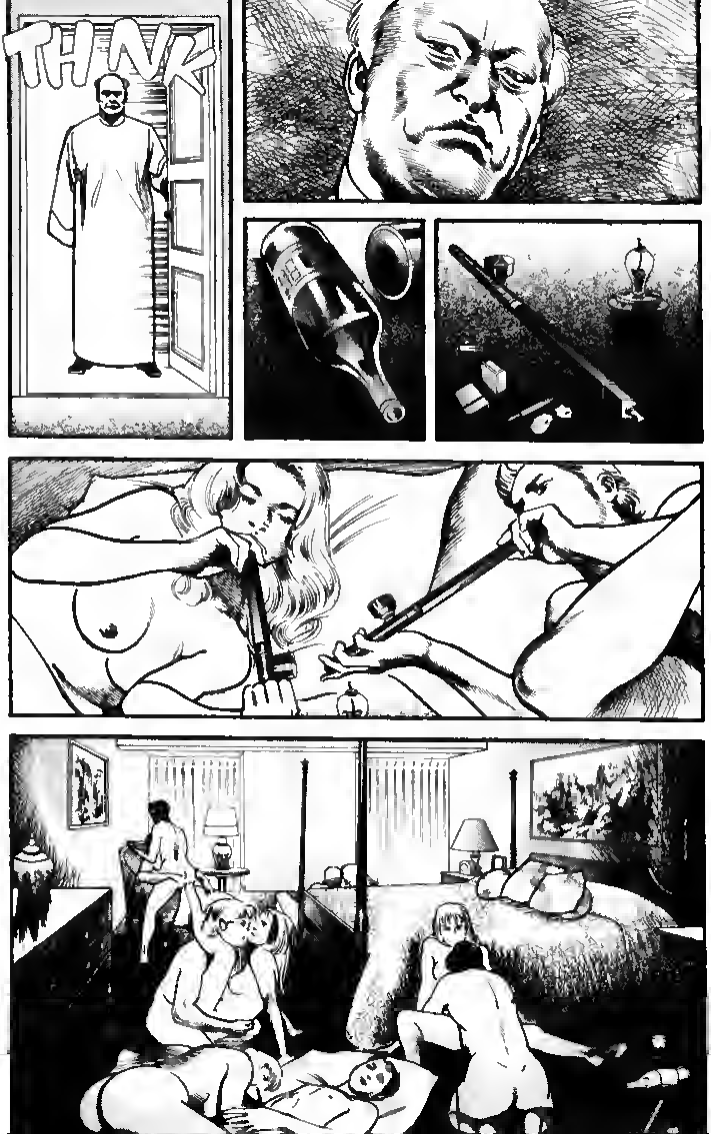
Kusaka H.Q. Malaysia
SHIME! ? IN SINGAPORE!?
SIR, IT SEEMS HE KILLED THE ELDERS OF THE CHINESE COUNCIL!
SHIME!

London, England



SHIMEI, IT SEEMS THAT I

...UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.


THINK

GRPP
PAPA
FWAK

SO THIS IS HOW YOU "STUDY ABROAD"?
FWISH
IF YOU HAD A FRACTION OF SHIMEI'S WILL...

I COULD HAVE ALREADY RETIRED AND LET YOU TAKE OVER.

WHAT DOES SHIMEI WANT?
DOES HE PLAN ON TAKING OVER THE ENTIRE CHINESE SYNDICATE?
SHIMEI IS NOT THAT STUPID
YOU CAN'T JUST REPLACE THE ENTIRE DIRECTORATE OF AN ORGANIZATION OF THIS NATURE
YEAH, IT'D BE THE SAME IF IT WERE THE YAKUZA.
FWK
IF SOMEONE MASSACRED THE BIG GUYS IN JAPAN...
WITHOUT THAT DISCIPLINE AT THE TOP, THE UNDER BOSSES...
...WOULD JUST START KILLING EACH OTHER OFF! THEY COULDN'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT THE FAMILY!
FWOO

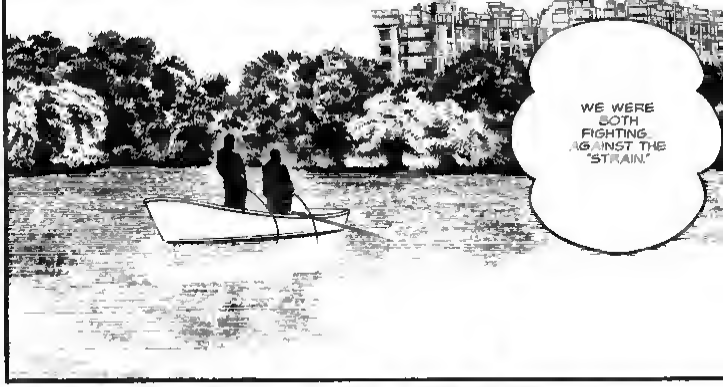
SHIMEI AIN'T GONNA LAST A WEEK
TH THEN WHY...
HE FORKED OVER SHUNICHIRO'S STOCKS.
IT MEANS HE DON'T NEED ANYTHING...
HE'S GOIN FOR BROKE NOW HE'S READY TO DIE!
BAM
CHAK

SHUNICHIRO...

RRRRRMMMMM

KLAKKETA
KLAKKETA
KLAKKETA

"CROW, WHY DO YOU CRY TO THE MOUNTAIN...?"
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A JAPANESE SONG
MY FRIEND, MY BEST FRIEND TAUGHT ME
WHEN WE WERE AT OXFORD THOSE WERE THE BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE


WE WERE BOTH FIGHTING AGAINST THE "STRAIN."

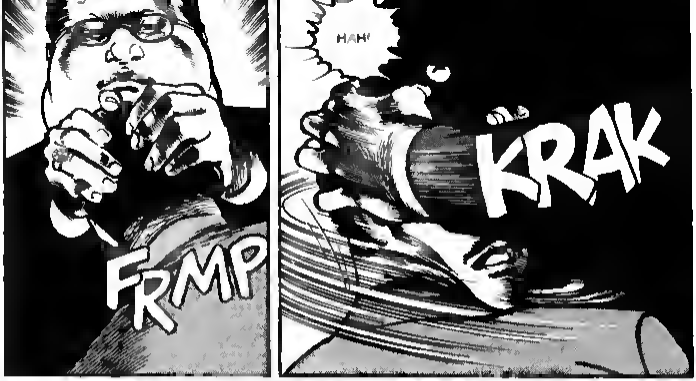
VWEEN

K-LAK K-LAK

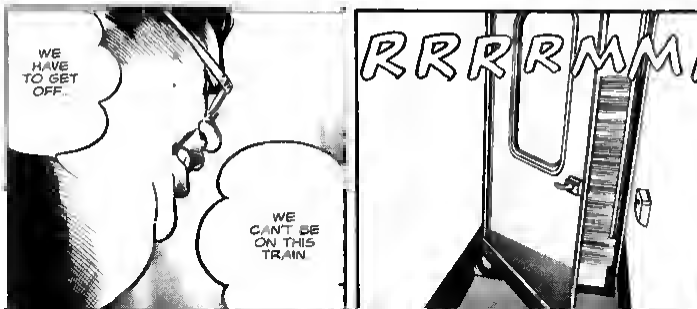
EXCUSE ME SIR...

FWISH-

KYNCH
B BOSS!
GHH!
UHG..

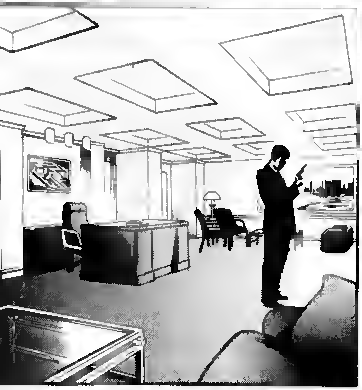

FRMP
HAH!
KRAK

SHLIP
BOSS..!
A ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Y YEAH..


WE HAVE TO GET OFF..
WE CAN'T BE ON THIS TRAIN.
RRRRMMM

WH
SSHHH

RRRRMM



KLIK
CHAK

SHP

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO

SHINGO...
YOU GOT THE STOCKS BACK
YOU HAVE NO REASON TO RESIGN NOW
CHK
IF YOU WANT TO HELP SHIMEI... I'LL GO INSTEAD
YOU'RE THAT CONFIDENT?
I WAS THE ASSASSIN CALLED 'MAYO' REMEMBER?
I'M MORE CUT OUT FOR THIS KIND OF DIRTY WORK.

KNUTT
WHMP
GHH!
THOK
THMP
HFFF!

CHAK
SH SHUN! CHIRO..
TA K
IF THERE'S ONE THING YOU CAN'T BEAT ME AT..
IT'S DIRTY WORK I'LL NEVER LOSE AT THAT GAME.
/ SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE IN THE DARK, WATCHING YOUR BACK, WHILE YOU RAN KUSAKA.

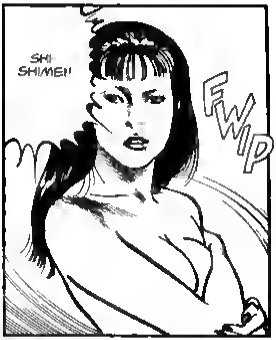
KRAK
HNK
WHUD
I'LL BE JOINING YOU SHUNICHIRO

MUROTA
SHINGO
WE CAN'T LET YOU DIE
W-WHY?
YOU HAVE SHION

Residence of Hua Tsong-lien, Chairman of the Chinese Council

AAAH
AAAH

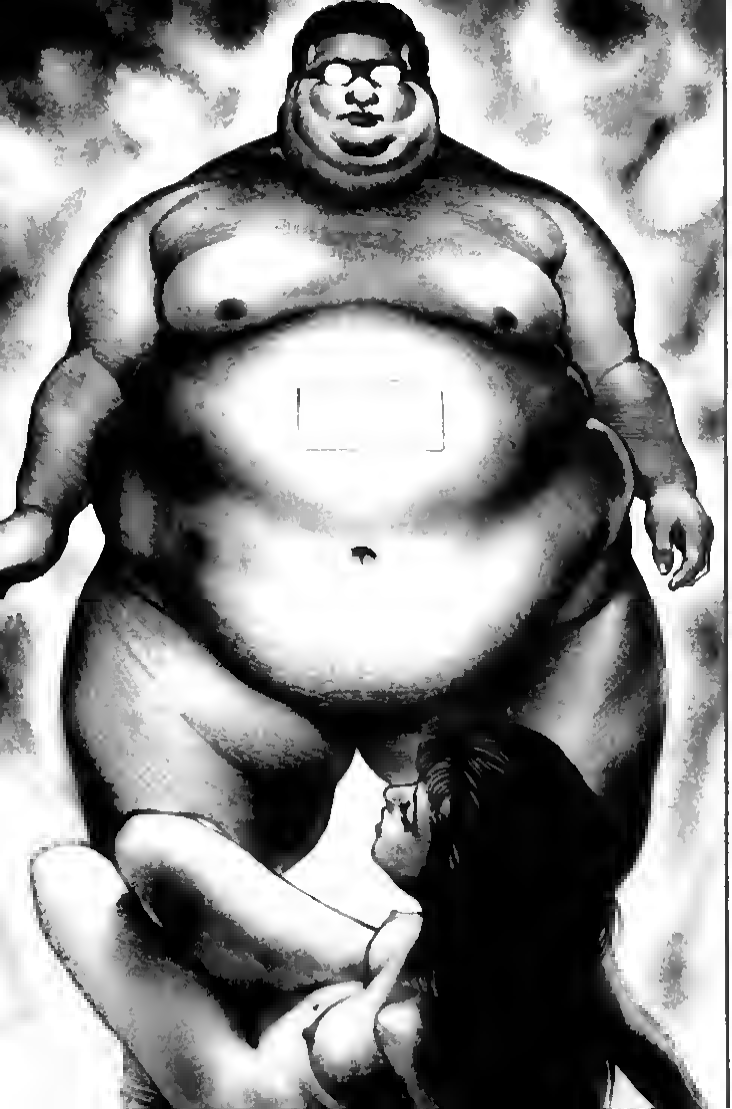
CHUD


SHI SHIMEI
FWIP

MUST BE LONELY MA'AM
IT'S A NICE LIFE BEING MARRIED TO THE CHAIRMAN BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR BODY'S NOT QUITE SATISFIED

I-I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.
HA-HA. WELL, SEE, HERE'S ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING FAT.
FWMP
THE KNIFE DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH
YOU..

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
GRRP
FWP
SMAAK
FSHH



I CAME HERE FOR A REASON

SKWITCH

UHHH..!

IT'S JUST A LITTLE THING I'VE GOT TO LEAVE BEHIND

RIP
THIS PACK HORSE IS GOING TO SHOOT HIS SEED STRAIGHT INTO A THOROUGHBRED!

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CHAPTER SEVEN
FULFILLMENT

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SHLP
SHLP
ALEE!
COME ON! LET ME HEAR YOU SCREAM!!

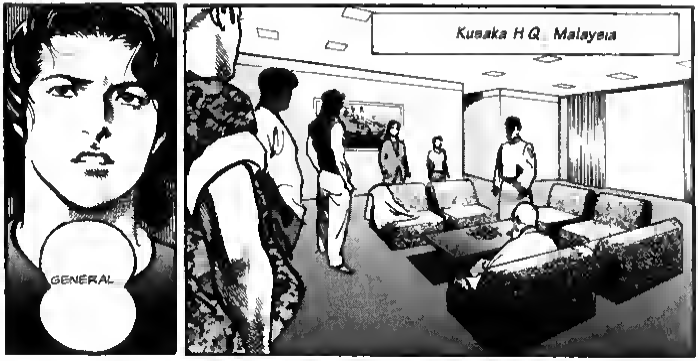
AH..
AHHH..
THIS IS SO
GOOD
REALLY
GOOD!
I-I'M
COMING!!

ahh
ahh
ahh
ahh
PLISH
PLISH
YOU FEEL SATISFIED.
THAT'S HOW SEX IS SUPPOSED TO BE
TUGG
CLEAN ME UP.

WHEN'S YOUR MAN COMING BACK?
TO-TONIGHT
ON HIS PRIVATE PLANE?
GRP
mm hm

FORGET ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY
THE MOMENT HE FINDS OUT YOU'LL BE TOSSED
BE SMART NOW... IF YOU PREFER YOUR LIFESTYLE

Ying-Huang
No matter how useless you are you're still my son. You are my only son that can inherit my strain.
BAD THINGS CAN LEAD TO GOOD
THAT GROTESQUE BLOB MAY HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR YOU TO BECOME THE CHAIRMAN
NO ONE ELSE WILL COME INTO MY POSITION!


GENERAL
Kuseka H.Q., Malaysia

WE'LL DO OUR BEST
BUT NO MATTER WHAT I PERSONALLY REQUEST THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WON'T TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY
W WHY?
BECAUSE THIS IS A BATTLE BETWEEN CHINESE AN INTERNAL CONFLICT OF THE CHINESE MAFIA.
THE MALAYSIANS, FRANKLY ARE HAPPY TO SEE THIS

VERY WELL, THEN..

LET'S GO, ANGEL PETE
I NEED YOU TO ROUND UP EVERYONE YOU KNOW AND GET AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN!
WHSH
WE'LL FIND MY BROTHER ONCE WE KNOW WHERE SHIMEI IS!
OK!
DAD...
Shunichiro is planning to die...
DON'T WORRY! SHINGO WILL STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT...

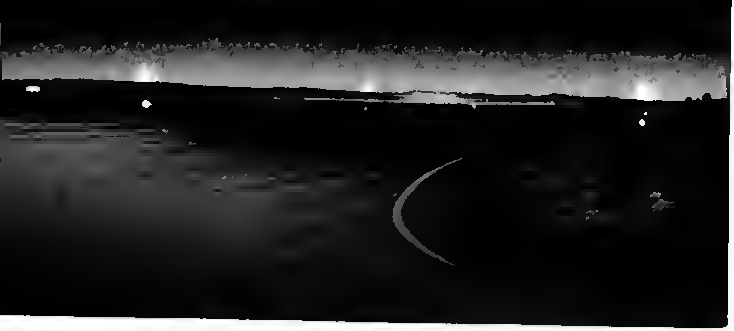
WHAT A PAIN HE CAN BE...

ES OF AMERICA
10

AS LONG AS I EXIST, HE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO COVER FOR ME

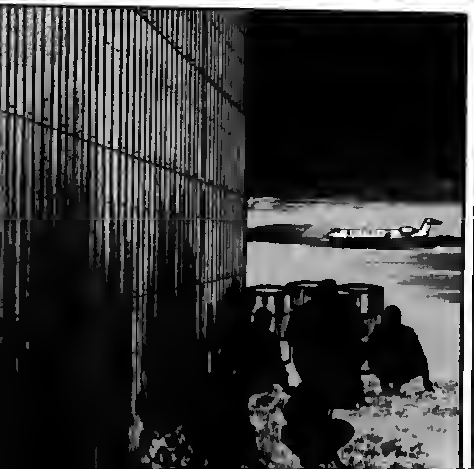
SHUN! CHIRO...

MR MUROTA--
WE HAVE THE MEN AND THE WEAPONS YOU REQUESTED
ESH
LET'S GO THEN
YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?
I WOULD GO AFTER THE HEAD OF THE CHINESE COUNCIL!
IF I WERE SHIMEI, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT THAT I'D DO



FWEEEEEN

RRRRRRRR



SO THAT'S IT
YEAH, THAT'S HIS PRIVATE PLANE

KLICK
HERE'S ONE FROM THE FACK HORSE!
YOUR NEXT MAHJONG GAME WILL BE WITH THOSE OTHER FOGIES... IN HELL!
FWOM
BUWHAM

YES!
WE DID IT!
BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA BUDDA
UNGH!
AKGH!

WHAT THE
VIP
VIP
VIP
VIP
URGH!
WHUD

YO

"YOU THOUGHT I WOULDN'T ANTICIPATE THIS?"
MY SON AND I JUST ARRIVED AN HOUR AGO... BY PUBLIC TRANS-PORTATION
SHIT

IF YOU KNEW WHAT I WAS PLANNING... WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL ME...
WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT?
WHY, YOUR STOCK HAS GONE UP
PHOO
AFTER ALL, YOU MANAGED TO DECIMATE THE ELDERS OF THE CHINESE COUNCIL SO YOU'RE VALUABLE NOW
NO POINT IN HAVING WORTHLESS PAWNS GAINING STATUS IN KILLING YOU OFF
UNGH...

CHING
MY SON, YING HUANG WILL HAVE THE HONOR OF KILLING YOU
THIS WILL BE A COMING OF AGE CEREMONY TO INHERIT THE CHAIRMAN SHIP OF THE CHINESE COUNCIL.
THE ELDERS WERE AGAINST THIS. BUT THANKS TO YOU, THEY'RE GONE NOW... I MUST THANK YOU.
HA! WH-WHAT CAN THAT WORTHLESS BASTARD DO FOR THE COUNCIL!?

CH
AK
HE MIGHT BE WORTHLESS, BUT HE'S NO BASTARD HE'S OF THE TRUE 'STRAIN'
I LOVE HIM AND BESIDES, THIS MIGHT MAKE A MAN OUT OF HIM.
TLGG

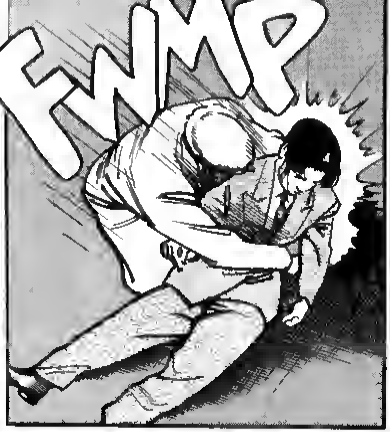
HOW'S IT FEEL TO HAVE YOUR DIAPER CHANGED BY YOUR DADDY LIKE THAT!?
HA HA HA...
DIE, YOU FAT FUCK!
TUG
BLAM

WEEN
WHAT...

SH-SHUN!-CHIRO...
VROOM
RRMM
D-DON'T SHOOT!! IT'S FULL OF GASOLINE!

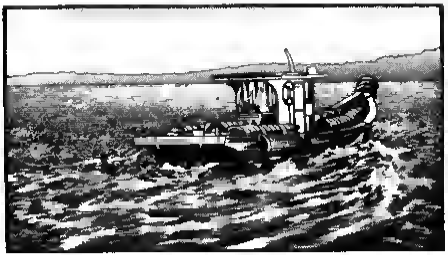
RMM
KR
REVVV
SHIMEI! GET IN!
RRRRRRR

..YING
HUANG


FWMP

I WANT
THOSE
TWO
BASTARDS
DEAD!!

Malacca
NOW WE'RE AT WAR WITH THE COUNCIL
THIS OUGHTA LAST US FOR A WHILE



SH-
SHUNI
CHIRO.

LOOK AFTER SHINGO AND SHION...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU

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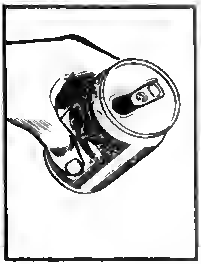
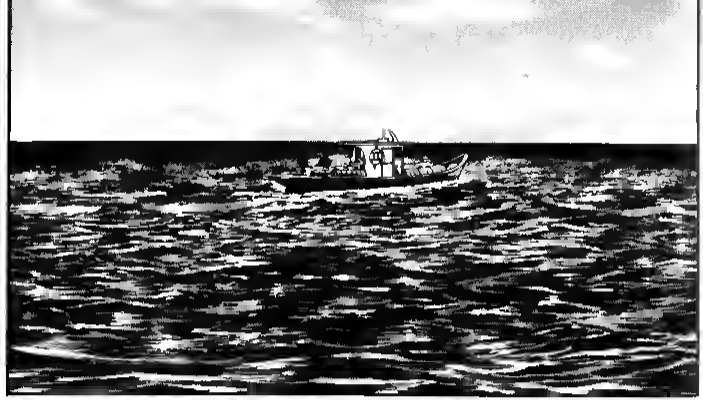
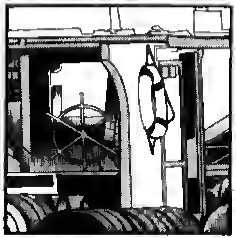
ONE FAMILY

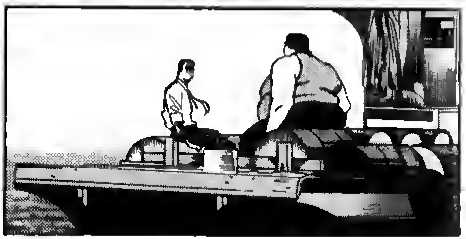


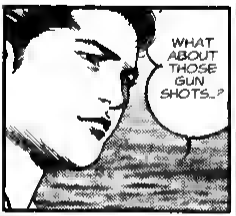
RRRR
RMMM

CHNK
MUROTA...
THEY LEFT ME...
KRSH
THEY'RE FINISHED
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THE CHINESE COUNCIL








WHAT ABOUT THOSE GUN SHOTS..?

YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY GETTING SOME PADDING ON YOU. IT COMES IN HANDY.

ALMOST FEELS LIKE WE'RE BACK AT OXFORD FISHING EH?
YEAH...
IN THE END...
WE TOOK OUR FIGHT AGAINST "THE STRAIN" AND PROJECTED IT INTO THE ASIAN INFERIORITY COMPLEX AGAINST THE WEST
"ASIA'S INDEPENDENCE" WOULD REALLY MEAN OUR OWN
SHUNICHIRO ...YOU DON'T REGRET HANDING KUSAKA OVER TO SHINGO?

WELL IF IT'S A MATTER OF ADMITTING DEFEAT..
YES I WITH DREW..
IT'S BECAUSE I KNOW NOW FOR CERTAIN
..THAT HE'S THE ONE!
SO THAT'S PART OF THE GOOD OLD "STRAIN" EH?
IF I WASN'T PART OF THE SAI FAMILY AND IF YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KUSAKA..
I WONDER WHAT SORT OF THINGS WE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN UP TO TOGETHER?

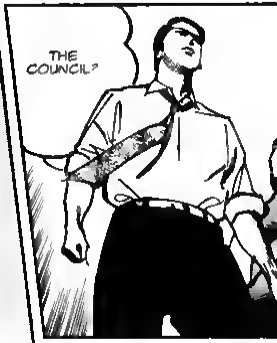
FWIP

TNK
SHAVE OUR HEADS AND ENTER THE MONASTERY?

HA HA HA

RRRR RRRR RRR

WHUKKA
WHUKKA
WHUKKA


THE COUNCIL?

NO MERCY
TUMP
SORRY TO MAKE YOU EAT THOSE ROCKETS TOO OLD BELLY

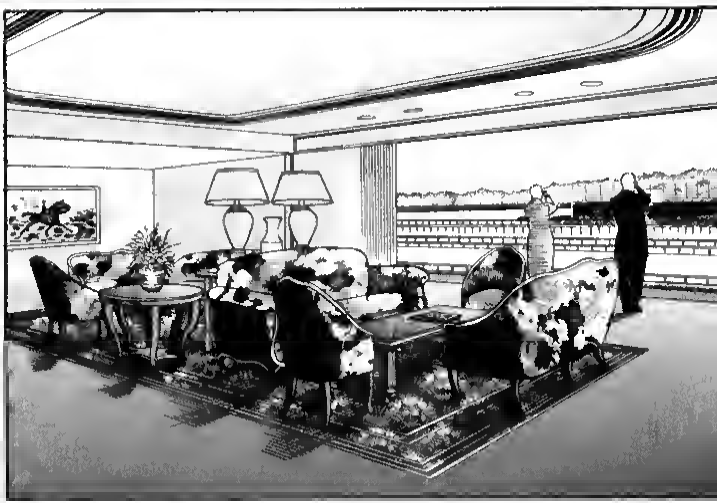
WHOOSH
BUH
WHAM

Kusaka H Q Malaysia
THE NAVY COULD FIND ONLY THIS WALLET
NOTHING ELSE
THE WATERS ARE ROUGH AND THEY HAVE MANY SHARKS.
I CAN'T HOLD OUT HOPES FOR THEIR SURVIVAL.

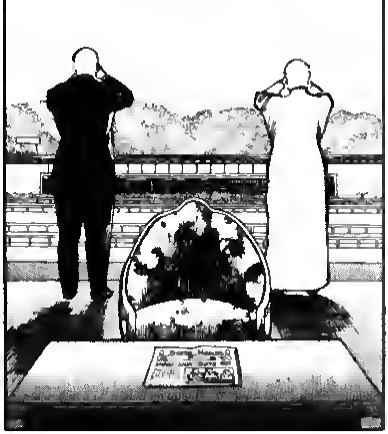
KRAK
GHH... GHH!
TUG

SIR CAN YOU ORGANIZE A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
I WOULD LIKE TO FORMALLY ACCEPT MY POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF KUSAKA!!

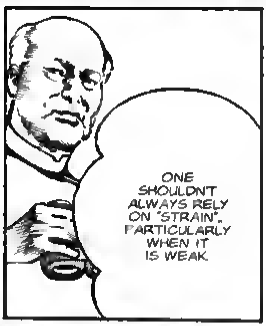
New CEO of Kusaka Shingo Kusaka!
The young leader! What will be the future of the new corporation?



Baritti Hariam
Nahas Nurli Duelle



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW CEO OF KUSAKA?


ONE SHOULDN'T ALWAYS RELY ON "STRAIN", PARTICULARLY WHEN IT IS WEAK.

WE SHOULD WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY. THOUGH.

SO THIS IS WHERE WE COME IN?

BOTH THE CHINESE COUNCIL AND KUSAKA HAVE A USE FOR THIS OIL
AND SO DO THE WESTERN OIL COMPANIES THAT YOU REPRESENT
THERE IS NO REASON WHY HE CANNOT SERVE AS A PAWN FOR US BOTH.
CHAK

I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN JAPAN?
NOW THAT THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED I WISH TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE COUNCIL HUA TSONG LIEN
RESPECTS..

CRAK
THUMP
FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL STAY OUT OF KUSAKA'S AFFAIRS!!

HE HELP!!
CHNK
THE NEW KUSAKA WILL BE DIFFERENT!

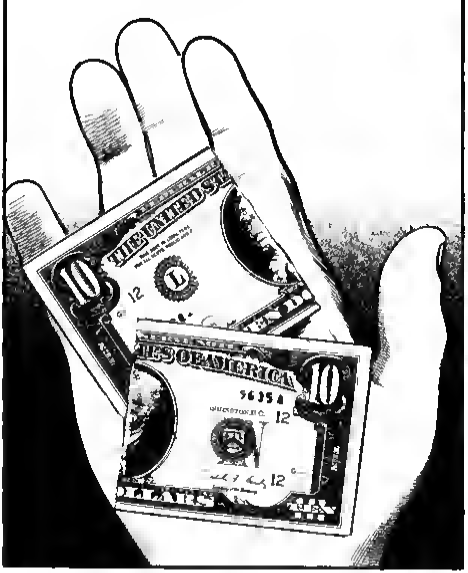
WE'LL RUN THE UNDER-WORLD AS WELL!
WHAT ...?
YOU DON'T GOT SHIME! NO MORE AND I FIGURE THE THREE OF US CAN HANDLE THIS WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY!
KRA

...
WHITE CAT, YELLOW CAT.. BUT IT'S THE WISEST CAT WHO LASTS.. MR CHAIRMAN
H-he's no pawn...

KLANG
— Two Years Later —
KLANG

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'RE A FATHER.
CAN'T QUITE BELIEVE IT MYSELF!

HE AIN'T DEAD
SHION MUST BE WISHING HER FATHER WAS HERE
WHAT IF
THEY NEVER FOUND HIS BODY I KNOW HE'S STILL ALIVE
I KNOW THOSE TWO BELIEVE THAT TOO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SHUNI
CHIRO...

You can come back any time you want.
But even if you never do
Your own strain is in Shion... and now will always be part of Kusaka.

— Residence of Hua Teong-lien, Malaysia —
WHAT A BOUNCING BABY!
AND TO THINK I'D GIVEN UP
HE'LL MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE
SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE BIG HUGE A GREAT MAN!!
By the time he gets fat, the old men will have kicked the bucket
How do you like your boy, Shimei?

Moscow

SO WHAT WILL WE DO ONCE WE CONTROL THE RUSSIAN MAFIA?

FWMP

I HEAR THERE'S LOTS OF OIL IN SIBERIA.

FWMP

A NEW LAND. TIME TO MAKE A NEW STRAIN.

THE END